

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A medical stethoscope head (1) comprising:
 - a body (2);
 - an inlet pipe (3) extending from said body (2) and having an axis (3');
 - a diaphragm cup (4) having an upper surface (10), a lower surface (10') opposite to said upper surface (10) and being removably secured to said body for allowing an exchange of said diaphragm cup;
 - a diaphragm (5) held at said lower surface (10') of said diaphragm cup (4) by a fastening ring (7);
 - said stethoscope head ~~characterised in that it comprises~~ further comprising:
 - at least one personalizing-identifying ring (11) for distinguishing and identifying a stethoscope; said personalizing-identifying ring (11) having an upper surface (12), a lower surface (12'), an outer side surface (13), an inner side surface (13') and said personalizing-identifying ring (11) located with its lower surface (12') on said upper surface (10) of said diaphragm cup (4); the lower surface of said personalizing-identifying ring being provided with at least one locating element for explicitly locating said personalizing-identifying ring on said diaphragm cup;
 - means for locating and connecting said diaphragm cup to said body provided in said diaphragm cup and in said body and cooperating with each other for removably securing said

diaphragm cup to said body in preset angular position in relation to said axis (3') of said inlet pipe (3);

distinguishing means (14) for personalizing and identifying the stethoscope provided on said upper surface (12) of said at least one personalizing-identifying ring (11) for distinguishing and identifying a stethoscope.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A medical stethoscope head according to claim 1, characterised in that a fastening element (17), ~~preferably a thread, catch or recess,~~ is provided on one of said side surface (13, 13') of said personalizing-identifying ring (11) for removably secured said personalizing-identifying ring (11) to said diaphragm cup (4).

4. (Currently Amended) A medical stethoscope head according to claim 1, characterised in that on one of its upper surface (12) and lower surface (12') said personalizing-identifying ring (11) is provided with at least one threaded hole (17'') in which a fastening element (17) is situated for securing said personalizing-identifying ring (11) to the diaphragm cup (4).

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A medical stethoscope head according to claim 1, characterised in that said fastening ring (7) is elastic and said personalizing-identifying ring (11) is formed integrally with said fastening ring (7).

8. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A medical stethoscope head according to claim ~~14~~1, characterised in that said positioning-connecting means (~~20~~) is selected from a screw joint, pin joint, bayonet joint and snap joint.

18. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A medical stethoscope head according to claim 3, characterised in that said fastening element is in the form of thread, catch or recess.

22. (New) A medical stethoscope head according to claim 1, wherein an annular recess is formed on the upper surface of said diaphragm cup for placing said personalizing-identifying ring.